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SUBJECT: MEA PLANS TO INCREASE SCHEDULED SERVICES

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1. MEA VICE PRESIDENT SOUHAIL MOUSFI TOLD EMBOFF YESTERDAY
THAT MEA PASSENGER LOADS HAD BEEN HIGHER THAN EXPECTED
AT TIME COMPANY DEvised PLAN TO LIMIT LOSSES CAUSED BY
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EVENTS IN LEBANON (SEE REFTel). EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 10, MEA THERE-

FORE PLANS TO INCREASE NUMBER OF FLIGHTS TO BAGHDAD AND SOME GULF CITIES AS WELL AS REINSTITUTE SERVICE TO ZURICH AND DAILY 747 SERVICE TO LONDON.

2. NEGOTIATIONS WITH PAKISTANI INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS TO LEASE TWO OF MEA'S 747 AIRCRAFT HAVE FALLEN THROUGH BECAUSE MEA IS UNWILLING TO GIVE PIA OPTION TO BUY AFTER TWO YEARS. HOWEVER, MEA STILL HOPES TO LEASE 747'S FOR SHORT PERIODS OF TIME.

3. MOUSFI SAID THAT ALTHOUGH IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO HAVE CLEAR PICTURE OF COMPANY'S EARNINGS IN 1975, LOSSES PROBABLY WILL BE 4 TO 6 MILLION LEBANESE POUNDS, CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN COMPANY ORIGINALLY FEARED.
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